

EDUCATION OF CHILDREN LOOKED AFTER SERVICE

**We offer
a range of
training for
foster carers.**

**Information is
circulated through
the foster care
newsletters.**

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PRE APPROVAL

As part of the pre approval package for prospective foster carers, a half day session on education is provided by ECLAS. Drawing extensively on issues raised in the Who Cares Trust - Equal Chances survey, we look at the importance of education, how foster carers can support school placements, how they can support young people.

Typical programme

Education and Life style outcomes for LAC

Research from Success in Care study

Group exercise - How can you as foster carers:-Promote reading

Encourage attendance

Emphasise the importance of education

Who Cares Trust

Equal ChancesProject Issues raised by young people

Task - how to recognise when a child is being bullied

Task - how you help a child explain about being looked after

Guidance from DfES and DoH

Support available from ECLAS.

POST APPROVAL

As part of the induction process for newly approved foster carers we run full day session. This covers: achievement, attendance, special needs, exclusion, school systems, support systems and a variety of case studies. A similar programme is provided for NVQ training.

Typical Programme

Why we are here - achievement statistics on looked after children

Quiz - understanding education terms and jargon

Case studies Covers special needs and Code of Practice

Exclusions

Achievement

Where to access support

New legislation Includes detailed briefing on Bristol's Personal Education Plans

Questions and Allows time for issues not

Discussion covered.

OTHER TRAINING

Specialist Remand Foster Carers

Bristol has a small team of carers who work with young people who have been remanded. Many of these have educational problems and the training looks at support systems available to help.

Refresher courses

As part of an ongoing training programme refresher courses with a content similar to the post approval course are offered on a regular basis

Supporting Reading

As part of the post approval training a specialist from the Learning Difficulties Team provides an evening session with video to assist carers with the skills they need to support their child's reading.

Emotional Literacy

Research has shown that many young people lack the necessary language to express their feelings. A specialist in this field has provided an evening session to raise this issue with foster carers and equip them to help young people.

Anti Bullying

A course to enable foster carers to recognise the signs that a child is being bullied at school and how to deal with it.